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SUBJ: ECONADS: SCHEDULE OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES

REF: (A) USNATO 4039

(B) ED/EC/75/53

1. AT JULY 31 ECONADS MEETING (REF A), COMMITTEE BEGAN DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULE OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES THROUGH JULY 1976, AS PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN (REF B). ONLY UK REP HAD INSTRUCTIONS AT THIS STAGE.

DISCUSSION WILL BE RESUMED AT NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4 AFTER AUGUST BREAK. ANNOTATED SCHEDULE (EXCERPTED FROM REF B) SET

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FORTH BELOW. REQUEST GUIDANCE. BEGIN TEXT:

2.A

RECURRING STUDIES

WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF REGULARLY RECURRING STUDIES, THE COMMITTEE, BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR, WILL BE RECEIVING REPORTS ON:

- (I) THE ECONOMIC BALANCE BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT;
- (II) EAST-WEST TRADE;
- (III) COMMUNIST AID TO AND SOVIET AND EASTERN COUNTRY ECONOMIC PENETRATION IN, THE THIRD WORLD;
- (IV) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GDR, HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA;
- (V) RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND IN EASTERN EUROPE (REPORT INTENDED TO SERVE AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING);
- (VI) NATO COUNTRY EXPORT CREDITS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN 1974. COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED THEIR REPORTS ARE ASKED TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

B. SPECIAL STUDIES

THE SPECIAL STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE TIMETABLE:

- (I) OCTOBER 1975
EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON ALLIED COUNTRY DEFENCE EXPENDITURES
THE MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, 2ND.
- (II) NOVEMBER 1975
SOVIET DEFENCE EXPENDITURES
A FURTHER MEETING WITH THE EXPERTS COULD BE HELD ON 6TH OR 13TH (MISSION COMMENT: UK WOULD PREFER THE 6TH.)
- (III) DECEMBER 1975
CONSIDERATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE CSCE - BASKET II AND POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP BY NATO

A MEETING COULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 11TH. (MISSION COMMENT: PROPOSED DATE WOULD CONFLICT WITH MINISTERIAL, SO DATES NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE THE 4TH OR 18TH.)

- IV) JANUARY 1976
THE COMECON AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE EAST
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THIS TOPIC HAS COME UP REPEATEDLY AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE PART PLAYED BY COMECON AS AN ORGANIZATION IN THE APPLICATION OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRY FIVE-YEAR PLANS COULD NOW PROFITABLY BE UNDERTAKEN. A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THIS PURPOSE COULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 8TH. (MISSION COMMENT: UK SUGGESTED THIS MEETING BE HELD LATER ON IN JUNE OR JULY, 1976, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR CONSIDERATION OF NEW 5 YEAR PLAN INFO. BILLY PROPOSED THAT, IF SO, A MEETING ON INFLATION IN EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES MIGHT THEN BE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 8.)

- (V) FEBRUARY 1976
THE ENERGY SITUATION IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES OVER THE

PERIOD 1976-1980

THE COMMITTEE'S LAST DETAILED STUDY ON THE ENERGY SITUATION IN THE USSR DATES BACK TO END 1971 (C-M(72)2). THIS ISSUE DESERVES FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE. A MEETING WITH EXPERTS COULD BE ORGANIZED FOR THURSDAY, 12TH. (MISSION COMMENT: UK PROPOSED THAT THIS MEETING TOO BE DEFERRED--POSSIBLY UNTIL END OF FEBRUARY SO THAT NEW 5AYEAR PLAN OUTLOOK COULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.)

(VI) MARCH 1976

EAST/WEST TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THIS MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED AT A SYMPOSIUM WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH.

(VII) APRIL 1976

THE SOVIET ECONOMY

THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT MADE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE THEREFORE FOR IT TO SPEND TWO DAYS ON CONSIDERATION OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY IN THE LIGHT OF THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN OBJECTIVES. SPECIAL ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN THE USSR. THIS SPECIAL MEETING COULD BE HELD ON THE 8TH. (MISSION COMMENT: UK EXPRESSED HOPE, SECONDED BY BILLY, THAT US WILL FURNISH BASIC DRAFT PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT.

(VIII) MAY 1976

POPULATION TRENDS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EAST

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EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

IN THE MEDIUM TERM, THERE WILL BE ACUTE MANPOWER PROBLEMS IN THE SOVIET UNION AS THERE ARE ALREADY IN THE GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THEREFORE TO UNDERTAKE A NEW STUDY OF

POPULATION TRENDS IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND THIS COULD BE DONE ON THE 13TH IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS.

(IX) JUNE 1976

THE TRADITIONAL REVIEW OF RECENT ECONOMIC TRENDS IN POLAND, RUMANIA AND BULGARIA COULD BE HELD ON THE 10TH. (MISSION COMMENT: UK EXPRESSED PREFERENCE THAT IN FUTURE POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND GDR BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER AT ONE MEETING, AND THAT HUNGARY, BULGARIA, AND RUMANIA BE GROUPED TOGETHER AT ANOTHER -- A MORE HOMOGENEOUS CLUSTERING, IN UK VIEW.)

(X) JULY 1976

ECONOMIC TRENDS IN CHINA COULD ALSO BE STUDIED,

PARTICULARLY SINCE THE LAST DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS
FROM CAPITALS DATES BACK TO 1973. A SPECIAL MEETING
COULD BE ORGANIZED FOR THE 8TH

C. IT WILL BE OBVIOUS TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE TIMETABLE
SUGGESTED ABOVE WILL INVOLVE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK AND CALL
FOR AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION FROM ALL THE DELEGATIONS REPRESENTED ON
THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. IN THE CASE OF SOME SUBJECTS, A NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES COULD DIVIDE THE JOB OF RAPPORTEUR BETWEEN THEM, EACH
COUNTRY CHOOSING A SPECIFIC THEME.
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